

Application No.: 10/655329

Case No.: 58960US002

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9-19, 22-30, 33-37 are pending and presented for further examination. Claims 7, 8, 20, 21, 31 and 32 have been canceled.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 18 and 37 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments address the issues raised under section 112. Consequently, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant has noted the Office Actions' indication that original claim 8-10, 21-23 and 32-34 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Amendments to claim 1 include the incorporation of the subject matter of claim 8. Likewise claim 16 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 21 and claim 28 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 32.

The foregoing amendments have been made for the purpose of capturing the allowable subject matter identified in the Office Action. These amendments are made without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the original unamended claims in a continuation application to be filed upon indication of the allowability of the claims pending herein. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that the issues raised in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and (e) are now moot.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and the allowance of all pending claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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